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MAJOR CHANGES

1. The phrase “antiques, works of art and high value objects” in 1 FAM 215.2-3g, *Interior Design and Furnishings (A/FBO/OPS/IDF)*, has been changed to read “antiques, works of art, and other cultural heritage objects.” This phrasing coincides with same phrasing change being made in 6 FAM 700.

2. *Safety and Fire Division (A/FBO/OPS/SAF)*, 1 FAM 215.2-4, has been deleted. It has been replaced by two separate divisions: the Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Division (A/FBO/OPS/SHM), and the Fire Protection Division (A/FBO/OPS/FIR). These two organizations, which have been collocated under the umbrella of life safety for the last three and one-half years, have roles and responsibilities that can be executed more effectively as separate entities. FMP has provided the appropriate function codes to reflect this change. Functional statements for the two new divisions have been added.

3. *Facilities Management Division (A/FBO/OPS/FAC)*, 1 FAM 215.2-5, has been changed to Facilities Maintenance Management Division (A/FBO/OPS/FAC). The addition of the word “Management” more accurately describes the functions of the division based on the significant growth of managerial responsibilities.

4. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to international broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

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